(d) whether the work of laying water pipe lines is likely to be taken up by the DDA or MCD; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The work of laying down water pipe lines has already commenced and 95 per cent progress has been achieved.

(c) The D.D.A. has reported that the water supply from most of the hand pumps is potable. In addition water is being supplied through tubewells.

(b) and (c) The work is being executed by D. D. A.

Subsidies and Loans to manufacturers of 'Q' Mark engines

2146. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government had recently received a memorandum signed by more than 15 Members of Parliament for the injustice done to hundreds of small scale units manufacturing 'Q' mark diesel engines whose eligibility for subsidies and loans had been discontinued;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to provide subsidies loans to 'Q' mark engines;

(c) whether it is a fact that hundreds of small industries engaged in manufacturing of 'Q' mark diesel engines have been closed down due to discontinuance of the eligibility for subsidy and loan to 'Q' mark engine; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the number of units closed and number of persons rendered unemployed as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Such information is not maintained at the Centre.

Observation Homes for Children

2147. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI K. GOPALAN :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total number of children kept in the Observation Homes in the Country, State-wise; and

(b) what steps Government have taken to implement the suggestions of the Supreme Court Bench in its latest ruling in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Observation homes set up by the State Govts are meant only for a short stay and the figures change from day to day.

(b) The suggestions of the Supreme Court in regard to the need of a Central legislation having certain features have already been implemented by passage of the Juvenile Justice Act by Parliament.

National Commission on Urbanisation

2148. SHRI T. R. BALU :
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Commission on Urbanisation had recently recommended immediate intervention of the Centre for the protection of the four Metropolitan cities of Delhi, Calcutta, Bombay and Madras from the health point of view; and

(b) whether the Commission has evolved a concept of National Cities and what steps Government have taken to implement the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). The National Commission on